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<b>C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT</b>		
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A	US 5867963 A (HERSHEY) 9 February 1999 See the drawings	
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US	5867962	AU 95776/98	CA 2306046	EP 1019596	
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